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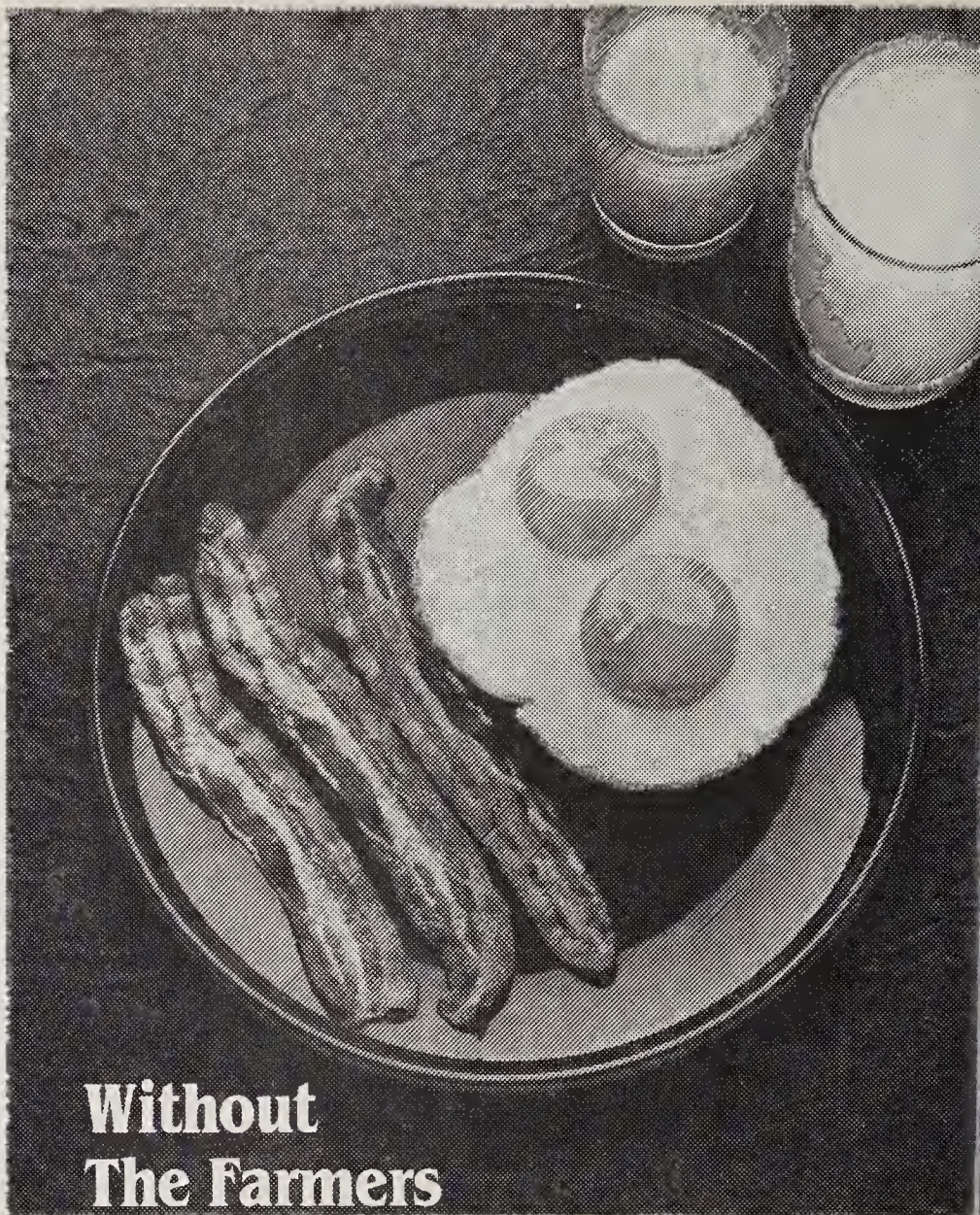
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## All In The Name Of Charity

As we enter the Christmas season, it's sobering indeed to learn that some forms of giving may not be quite as "blessed" as that old cliché would have us believe.

The motives that inspire this type of giving are not in question: Those involved are people who've become innocent victims of a shady enterprise that raises thousands of dollars each year in the name of charitable causes—but it passes few of them along to the intended beneficiaries.

Here's how it works: A licensed professional telephone solicitation company approaches a civic club with a "can't-lose" proposition. The club is only to allow the fund raisers to use its name in the solicitation campaign. No investment is required and the company's representatives do all the work. Yet the club's treasury will get all the money that's raised beyond expenses.

Somehow, those expenses always turn out to be quite high, according to reports filed with the N.C. Department of Human Resources' Solicitation Licensing office.

Earlier this year, a Sarasota, Fla., solicitor successfully made this kind of pitch with a Lexington civic club. Using that club's name, the firm raised \$634. The club received only \$541 (11.7 percent).

Another Sarasota outfit raised \$6,018

in the name of a Graham civic club, but the club received nothing. The same firm solicited \$11,366 in Goldsboro. The club involved received the grand sum of \$54.

Across the state, these companies raised a total of \$3.4 million in the 12-month period that ended Aug. 30. Only \$578,191—or 16.1 percent—went to the causes involved.

These disturbing figures have stirred the concern of Tar Heel Better Business Bureaus and state Attorney General Lacy Thornburg, whose staff recently completed an investigation of these telephone solicitation campaigns.

Thornburg said the investigation found that "all too often, the fund raisers have simply been lining their pockets at the expense of worthwhile charities and well-intentioned contributors."

The professional solicitors haven't selected North Carolina for special attention. They're at work across the country.

Thus far, these operations are governed by no federal laws and the state laws that are on the books have been weakened by a recent court decision in Maryland. A promoter there challenged the law's requirement limiting expenses to no more than 25 percent of the funds raised. The court threw out this limitation.

The North Carolina General Assem-

bly earlier this year attempted to tighten the state's law on this subject by stipulating that a fund-raising fee of 20 percent be "deemed to be reasonable and non-excessive" and setting 35 percent as the maximum to be allowed normally.

But enforcement of that law is being held in abeyance because it has already been challenged in the courts.

Meanwhile, Better Business Bureau officials are beating drums to call attention to the magnitude of this problem, especially among civic clubs and other organizations that might be tempted to use the solicitation companies.

In addition, they're appealing to consumers to be wary of telephone solicitors.

Next time you get a call of this sort, simply decline to contribute through the soliciting firm if you have any question about its arrangement with the sponsoring organization. If it's a cause you genuinely want to support, ask the caller for the name and address of the sponsoring organization and send your contribution directly to it.

In that way, you can be assured that there'll be no "middle man" to siphon off part of your donation—and that 100 percent of it will actually end up in the coffers of the charitable organization you want to help.

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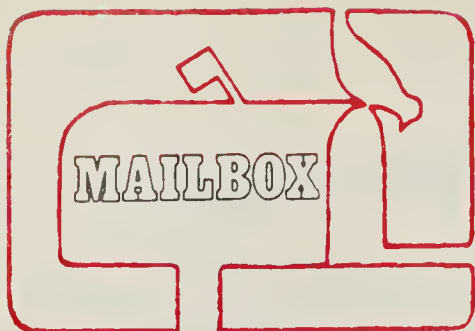
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### Enjoyed The Magazine For "Almost 40 Years"

I want to tell you how much I have always enjoyed your *Carolina Country* magazine over the years! My Dad has received the magazine for almost 40 years and I always read it too! I love the gardening tips, recipes, the Grits page and Mailbox column—well, really, I enjoy *all* of it!

Louise L. Lentz  
Mt. Pleasant

### Enjoys Magazine "Immensely"

I am writing to tell you how much I enjoy your magazine. When I was a child living on a farm in Kentucky, we received that state's rural electric magazine and *Carolina Country* reminds me of it.

My dear mother-in-law, Mrs. R. H. Kitchen of Westfield, sends me your magazine and I enjoy it immensely. Thanks for publishing it and thanks to her for having it delivered to me in West Texas.

Mary Alice Kitchen  
El Paso, Texas

### Magazine: "Keeps Us In Touch" With North Carolina

I must tell you how much we appreciate the *Carolina Country*. We own a home in Valle Crucis and are still living in Jax, Florida, until our retirement next year. Then we will spend most of our time there. We really look forward to our *Carolina Country* every month. It keeps us in touch until we can be there permanently.

Mrs. W. F. Powell  
Jax, Fla.

### Magazine: It "Has So Much Wonderful News"

Here I am again sending \$2 to renew my subscription for your wonderful magazine. I really look forward to finding it in my mailbox every month. It has so much wonderful news. I like everything about it and especially the recipes. Wish there were more of them. Especially enjoyed the material on how to winterize your home.

Evelyn M. Coho  
New Bern

### U. S. Farmers' Real Problem Is "Simply Over-Production"

After reading the "Cheap Food" commentary in your October issue, I simply must respond for the thousands who, having read the piece, will feel as I do.

Mr. Williams uses the first half of his piece to complain that too much government interference is the reason for his being in the position of losing money on his farm operation. Then he spends the rest of the words exhorting the government to "come to the rescue of the farmer, via the U. S. Treasury."

His solution to the farm problem is not new. Nor is it much different than the solution proposed by many other industries. The people who howl loudest about government interference are the first to yell for help when their own industry gets itself in a jam from simply over-producing.

The real solution is: 1. Let the government get out of the farm business altogether. 2. Let the free market place establish the prices. 3. Let those who can't compete find other ways to earn a living, thereby cutting production to levels that correspond with consumption. 4. Let the buying public pay whatever the going price is for the products that are produced.

In the opinion of many economists, this is the ultimate and only solution to the real problem of the farm, which is simply over-production.

Having been a dairy farmer for 30 years and having left that endeavor when it no longer paid the bills, I can speak for many that feel as I do.

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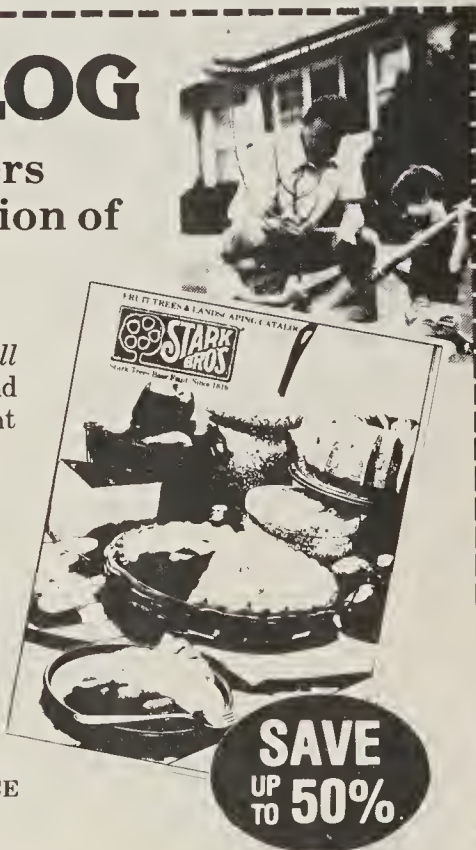
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## Book A Visual Tribute To The Old North State

A Raleigh photographer and a Chatham County writer have teamed up to produce a new visual tribute to the Old North State in the form of a book featuring more than 100 full-color photographs representing the state's coast, Piedmont and mountain regions.

The coffee table-size volume is titled *North Carolina: A Blessing Shared*.

The photographs included are the work of Chip Henderson, a commercial photographer who was formerly with the N.C. Division of Travel and Tourism. Captions were written by Glenn Morris, a former staff writer for *Southern Living* magazine.

The book, which was published by Capitol Broadcasting Co. in Raleigh, is available at various bookstores or can be ordered from *North Carolina: A Blessing Shared*, 5700 New Chapel Hill Road, Raleigh, N.C. 27607.

The cost is \$35 per copy plus 4.5 percent sales tax for North Carolina residents. Add \$2 per book for shipping and handling.

## Livestock Hall Of Fame Inducts Five New Members

Five prominent supporters and leaders of the livestock industry have been inducted into the North Carolina State Fair Livestock Hall of Fame.

They include Easton S. Stokes of Rt. 1, Linwood, who is president of the Board of Directors at Davidson Electric Membership Corporation. A veteran of 33 years on the EMC board, he was cited for his involvement in the dairy industry and his prize-winning Guernseys.

Also inducted into the Hall of Fame were L. Calvin Ross of Greensboro, representing the horse industry; Mrs. Ruth Weaver of Greensboro, sheep industry; Dr. Elliott Barrick of Raleigh and James Dewey of Greensboro, livestock exporters.

Ross, a member of the N.C. Board of Agriculture, was the first president

of the N.C. Quarter Horse Association. Mrs. Weaver was cited as one of the most aggressive sheep breeders in the state.

Dr. Barrick was recognized for his assistance as head of the animal husbandry department at N.C. State University and the State Fair livestock shows. Foust was cited for his role as an auctioneer and manager of the Foust Livestock Market in Greensboro and his assistance with youth livestock shows.

## 14 EMC Directors Get New Terms

A total of fourteen incumbent directors at four North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations have been re-elected during recent co-op Annual Meetings:

- **Tri-County EMC, Dudley**—Re-elected were Kenneth G. Grady of Rt. 1, Kenansville; W. Roscoe Ballance of Rt. 2, Fremont and C. W. Smith, Jr. of Rt. 2, Seven Springs.

- **Davidson EMC, Lexington**—Re-elected were W. Max Walser of Rt. 14, Lexington; L. Wade Myers of Rt. 3, Thomasville and C. Richard Watts of Rt. 1, Walnut Cove.

- **Rutherford EMC, Forest City**—Re-elected were Paul G. Dalton of Rt. 1, Lake Lure; Fred T. Boyd of Marion; Virgil Shull of Rt. 3, Vale; Paul Robinson of Rt. 1,

Bessemer City and Robert B. Sisk of Rt. 5, Morganton.

- **Pitt and Greene EMC, Farmville**—Re-elected were Gordon Owens of Rt. 2, Walstonburg; Rom Beaman Jr. of Rt. 1, Snow Hill and Hilton Webb of Rt. 1, Fountain.

## Two From Surry County Take Young Farmer Awards

Surry County farmers have been honored as the Outstanding Young Male Farmer and the Outstanding Young Female Farmer for 1985.

The awards, presented at the North Carolina State Fair, went to David Haynes of Dobson and Gail Hodges of Lowgap. The honors are sponsored by the fair and the N.C. Farm Bureau Federation to recognize farmers under age 35 who have demonstrated excellence in farm management and commitment to agriculture.

Haynes and his father oversee a feeder-steer and cow-calf operation on a 600-acre farm. They have 140 head of cattle, a poultry house and produce tobacco, soybeans, corn and oats.

Gail Hodges and her father have a Holstein and Jersey dairy herd and grow corn, tobacco, oats, rye, soybeans and alfalfa on 475 acres.

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## Home Folks

**Eugenia M. Zallen**, professor and former dean of the School of Home Economics at East Carolina University, has been named Home Economist of the Year by the N.C. Home Economics Association . . . . . **Dr. Lemuel Goode** and **Dr. J. W. Patterson**, animal scientists at N.C. State University, have been honored by the N.C. Sheep Producers Association for outstanding service to the state's sheep industry . . . . . **Susie Spruill**, an English teacher at Currituck County High School, has been named the state's Outstanding English Teacher by the N.C. English Teachers Association. . . . . The 1985 North Carolina Awards, the highest honor given by the state, have been presented to a novelist, a biochemist, an artist and a retired corporation executive. They are: Novelist **Wilma Dykeman** of Newport, Tenn., for literature; **Dr. Irwin Fridovich** of Durham, a teacher and researcher in biochemistry, for science; **Claude F. Howell** of Wilmington, an art educator and painter, for fine arts and **J. Gordon Hanes Jr.** of Winston-Salem, retired Hanes Corporation executive, for public service.



## Killing Stray Dogs Usually Unlawful

If a wandering dog attacks a farmer's hogs, cattle, sheep, goats or poultry, does the farmer have a legal right to kill the dog?

Generally, it is unlawful to kill a dog, but there are exceptions, says Nathan M. Garren, an attorney who is on the extension economics and business staff at N.C. State University.

"In some states, the right of a farmer to kill a dog attacking his livestock is very broad. He may kill any dog that is chasing, worrying, injuring or killing protected animals.

"In other states, including North Carolina, the right is very narrow. The farmer may kill a dog only if the

dog is killing protected animals," Garren said, adding: "the dog must be in the act of killing. A retreating dog is safe under North Carolina law from being killed."

Because it is generally unlawful to kill a dog, the owner of a canine that is slain may sue the killer. Usually, the recovered damages represent the dog's value.

"If the killer's actions have been willful or wanton, however, the owner of the dog that has been killed may be awarded punitive damages," Garren says.

In addition to civil liability, there may be criminal liability, the attorney says.

"In some circumstances killing a dog may be a crime such as malicious

mischievous, willful injury to property or cruelty to animals. The possible cruelty to animal charge protects even the unowned dog," Garren says.

## Tar Heel Solar Projects Get National Attention

Seven North Carolina facilities featuring solar energy systems were recently singled out for special attention at a national Solar Energy Conference.

They included the new Boone district office building of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, Lenoir, which features extensive use of natural daylight and an active solar energy system; and the African Pavilion of the North Carolina Zoo at Asheboro.

Other projects cited at the conference in Raleigh were an office duplex in Fayetteville, the new Chatham County Social Services Building in Pittsboro, the Transit Operations Building in Chapel Hill, the Knightdale Elementary School in Wake County and the Mt. Airy Library.

## CCC Alumni Group Seeks New Members

The National Association of Civilian Conservation Corps Alumni (NACCCA) is seeking new members from among North Carolinians who were associated with the CCC in the 1930s and 1940s, according to officials of the organization.

## Cover: "Christmas at the Farm" By Judy Cheney

Our cover this month is an original acrylic-on-canvas painting, titled "Christmas at the Farm," by Judy Cheney of the Henderson County community of Horse Shoe.

The veteran artist, who has lived in Horse Shoe for the past five years, a native of Harrodsville, Ky. She is a former newspaper reporter, columnist and illustrator.

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## Exhibit Features Works by 93-Year-Old Artist

Works by a 93-year-old, self-taught artist from Wilmington will be featured in the exhibit, "Heavenly Visions: The Art of Minnie Evans" at the North Carolina Museum of Art, n. 18-April 13.

The paintings, drawings and collages in the show demonstrate how

deeply the artist has been influenced by her lifelong study of the Bible and by the natural beauty of Airlie Gardens near Wilmington, where she was a gatekeeper from 1948 to 1974.

A Pender County native who was reared in Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach, Minnie Evans worked as a domestic before joining Airlie Gardens. Her first images were created in 1935 as a result of a religious vision.

For more information about the exhibit, write or call the museum at 2110 Blue Ridge Blvd., Raleigh, N.C. 27607. Phone: (919) 833-1935.

Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday; 12 noon to 5 p.m. Sunday; closed Monday and Tuesday. No admission fee.

## Folkmoot Dance Festival Featured In TV Documentary

Folkmoot USA, North Carolina's annual international Folkdance Festival in Waynesville, is the subject of an hour-long documentary that will be broadcast by the University of North Carolina Center for Public Television network.

Filmed in 1984, the show begins with the festival's opening day parade and concludes with emotional farewells as visiting dancers from 10 nations prepare to leave the new friends they've made during the festival.

The show is scheduled to be aired by the network on Dec. 30 at 8 p.m. Check local listings.



## To tell the truth!

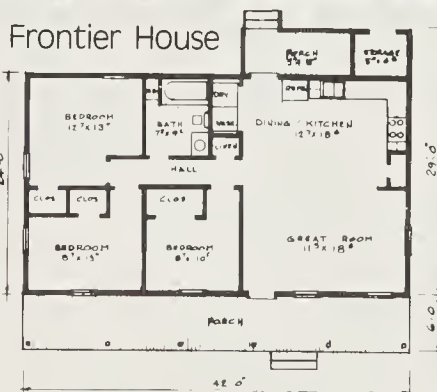
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## Legacy Of Love

My mother-in-law is a most unusual person. Fifty years as a minister's wife has served to enhance and refine the qualities of patience, thoughtfulness and love which she brought into her marriage. She can easily cut through the trivia of life with cheerful efficiency and make beautiful acts of love out of life's difficulties. Over the years I have learned many lessons from her.

Some years ago, she asked me what I would like most for Christmas.

"Give me something you have used and loved," I answered.

"Goodness!" she replied with a smile. "You don't want any of that old stuff."

I explained that anything she treasured would be meaningful to me because I had come to love her and someday such things would be family heirlooms for her grandchildren and would mean all the more for having been given personally.

Each Christmas since then she has given me some bit of herself: silver grapefruit spoons that were a wedding gift to her and Dad, a handpainted tea set which she did before her marriage and a lovely tall cut-glass vase that has been in her family for years. All these things were given with love, a few affectionate tears and a warm hug.

These things would probably have been given to me one day in the cold, impersonal settling of an estate and the disposing of family possessions. But my mother-in-law, in her great wisdom, has reached across the barrier of time and the inevitable and given me a legacy of love that I will always remember and for which I shall always be grateful.

—Carol Bessent Hayman  
Beaufort



## I Wish You Health And Love And Mirth

My song, save this, is little worth;  
I lay the weary pen aside,  
And wish you health, and love, and mirth,  
As fits the solemn Christmas tide.  
As fits the holy Christmas birth,  
Be this, good friends, our carol still—  
Be peace on earth, be peace on earth,  
To men of gentle will.

—From the epilogue  
"Christmas Books of M. A. Titmarsh"  
by William Makepeace Thackeray

## Ride With Me To Toyland

Come, ride with me to Toyland,  
For this is Christmas Eve,  
And just beyond the Dream Road,  
(Where all is make-believe)  
There lies a truly Toyland,  
A real and wondrous Joyland,  
A little-Girl-and-Boy-Land,  
Too lovely to conceive!

"Come Ride With Me To Toyland"  
by Rowena Bennett

## What Can I Give Him?

What can I give Him,  
Poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd  
I would bring a lamb,  
If I were a Wise Man  
I would do my part—  
Yet what can I give Him?  
Give my heart.

"What Can I Give Him"  
by Christina Rossetti



## I Wish You Happiness

I am thinking of you today because  
it is Christmas, and I wish you happiness  
And tomorrow, because it will be the  
after Christmas, I shall still wish you  
happiness. I may not be able to tell you  
about it every day, because I may be far  
away or we may be very busy. But that  
makes no difference—my thoughts and  
my wishes will be with you just the same.  
Whatever joy or success comes to you  
make me glad. Clear through the year  
... I wish you the spirit of Christmas.

—Van Cliburn



# Christmas . . . .

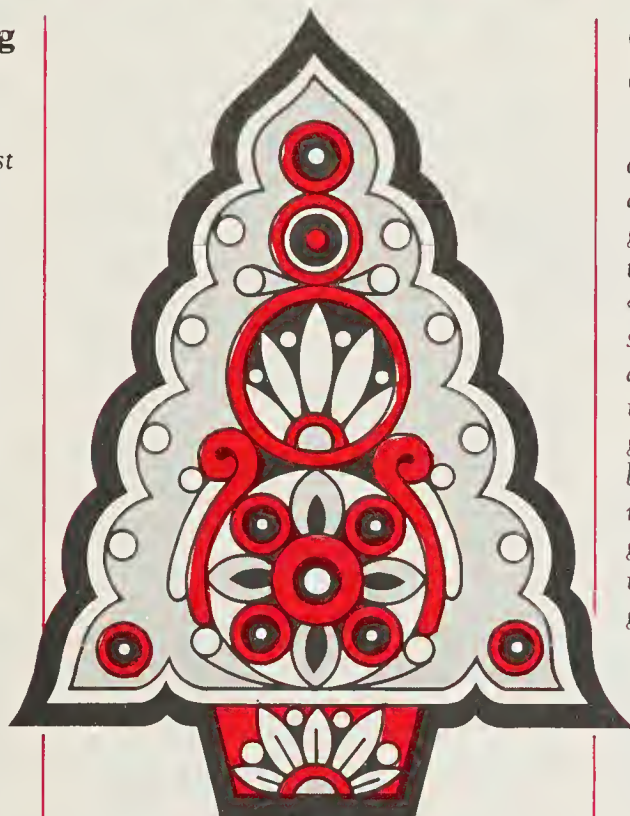
## Grow Young Again Among Mementoes Of Childhood

Of all the old festivals, however, that of Christmas awakens the strongest and most heartfelt associations. There is a tone of solemn and sacred feeling that blends with our conviviality and lifts the spirit to a state of hallowed and elevated enjoyment.

The services of the church about this season are extremely tender and inspiring. They dwell on the beautiful story of our faith, and the pastoral scenes that accompanied its announcement. They gradually increase in fervour and ethos during the season of Advent, until they break forth in full jubilee on the morning that brought peace and good-will to men. I do not know a stronger effect of music on the moral feelings than to hear the full choir and the pealing organ performing a Christmas anthem in a cathedral and filling every part of the vast pile with triumphant harmony.

It is a beautiful arrangement, also derived from the days of yore, that this festival, which commemorates the announcement of this religion of peace and love, has been made the season for gathering together of family connections and drawing closer again those bands of kindred hearts which the cares and pressures and sorrows of the world are continually operating to cast loose; of calling back the children of a family who have launched forth in life and wandered widely asunder, once more to assemble about the paternal hearth, the rallying-place of the affections, to grow young and loving again among the endearing mementoes of childhood.

—Washington Irving



## Christmas Time: God Bless It!

"I am sure that I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come around . . . as a good time, a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of in the long calendar year when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of the people below them as if they were really fellow passengers to the grave and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys, And therefore, uncle, though it has never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I believe that it has done me good, and will do me good; and I say, God bless it!"

—Ebenezer Scrooge's nephew, Fred, responding to his uncle's pronouncement that Christmas was humbug.  
From Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*

## I Greet You With Profound Esteem

I salute you. I am your friend and my love for you goes deep. There is nothing I can give you which you have not already; but there is much, very much, which though I cannot give it, you can take. No heaven can come to us unless our hearts find rest in today. Take heaven. No peace lies in the future which is not hidden in this precious little instant. Take peace.

The gloom of the world is but a shadow. Behind it, yet within our reach, is joy. There is radiance and courage in the darkness could we but see it; and to see, we have only to look.

Life is so generous a giver, but we, judging its gifts by their coverings, cast them away as ugly or heavy or hard. Remove the covering and you will find beneath it a living splendor, woven of love and wisdom and power. Welcome it, greet it and you touch the angel's hand that brings it.

Everything we call a trial, a sorrow, a duty, believe me, that angel's hand is there, the gift is there and the wonder of an overshadowing Presence. Our joys, too, be not content with them as joys. They, too, conceal divine gifts. Life is so full of meaning and purpose, so full of beauty beneath its covering, that you will find earth but cloaks your heaven.

Courage, then to claim it, that is all! But courage you have and the knowledge that we are pilgrims wending through unknown country our way home.

And so, at this Christmas time, I greet you, not quite as the world sends greeting, but with profound esteem now and forever.

—A Christmas greeting from a letter written between 1387 and 1455 A.D. by Giovanna da Fiescole



## A Bargain By Any Standard

Reprinted from *Rural Living*, the monthly consumer magazine of the Virginia, Maryland and Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives.

There is a tendency among many people to blame the increasing cost of goods and services on the greed of "big business," whether the big business takes the form of a supermarket chain, a large department store, a major gasoline retailer or a supplier of electrical power.

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you receive and use *before* having pay for it?

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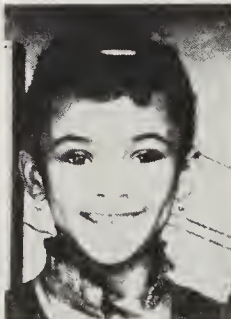
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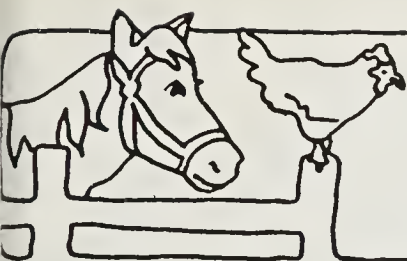
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## GOD'S CREATURES

# Mourning Death Of Pet Can Help The Owner Resolve Loss

If you've ever grieved over the death of a well-loved dog or cat, you're not alone.

In fact, it's important to accept and express those feelings of sadness and loss, says a behavior specialist at the North Carolina State University School of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Margaret Young, a clinical sociologist who specializes in behavior and human-animal relationships, provides bereavement counseling to owners whose seriously ill or dying pets are brought to the school's teaching hospital. She also teaches veterinary students about the bereavement process.

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“It is essential for people to realize that if their attachment to the animal was important to them, then mourning the loss is also important,” she said.

She explained that when the attachment between the animal and human is severed, there are feelings of grief and a sense of loss, whether the pet has died or disappeared.

“We shouldn't deny the grief and avoid the mourning. If the

loss isn't resolved, it may appear in other ways, such as prolonged anger and depression,” she said.

Dr. Young explained that grief is the emotional response to and realization of loss while mourning is a process by which a person resolves that loss.

An important part of her counseling involves explaining the emotional and physical characteristics of grief and making people aware that their reactions are normal and appropriate.

Emotional responses range from depression and irritability to anger and sadness.

“People feel guilt for not having done enough to save the animal or for not having been more careful about keeping it inside, even when they've been caring and responsible owners,” she said.

Feeling lonely, experiencing trouble in concentrating at work or school and wondering if life will ever return to normal are other typical reactions.

Physical responses, which usually are signs of depression and anxiety, can include fatigue, sleeplessness, loss of appetite and headaches.

“These are natural ways of responding to the loss of an animal that's shared your daily life,” said Dr. Young.

She said people are “torn by the need to express their sorrow and by the need to behave in a socially acceptable way. That's a basic conflict,” she added.

One thing she points out to people is that “grief is one of the costs of love.”



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# COUNTRY KITCHEN

## Sandwich Spread

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½ cup grated carrot	sauce
½ cup grated cucumber	salt & pepper to taste
2 T. mayonnaise	

The sandwich spread can be served on rye, wheat or white bread. If using a loaf bread, trim crust and quarter the slice to make small finger sandwiches. To dress them up a bit when serving, place a slice of cucumber on top of each sandwich.

Mrs. Joann White  
Harmony

## Yuletide Party Punch

3 cups orange juice, chilled	2¾ cups rum, chilled, (optional)
2 cups pineapple juice, chilled	1/3 cup grenadine, chilled
2 cups sweetened lime juice, chilled	orange slices red & green cherries

For garnish: orange slices, cherries (red & green)

Arrange orange slices in bottom of bowl. Stud with cherries or make an ice ring with 1/3 cup orange juice, 1/3 cup pineapple juice and 1/3 cup water. Stud with red and green cherries.

Ann Joines  
Hickory

## Tuna Cheese Ball

1 8 ounce package cream cheese	1 T. horseradish
1 9½ ounce can tuna, drained	1½-2 T. worchestershire sauce
1 T. lemon juice	2½ ounce chopped nuts

Mash all ingredients (except nuts) together with a fork. Shape into a ball and freeze till firm (15-20 minutes). Roll in nuts. Chill till ready to serve. Serve with crackers or bread. Makes a great sandwich spread!

Laura Knight  
Charlotte

## Cheese Crackers Delight

2 cups grated sharp cheese	1 cup mayonnaise
1 cup chopped ripe olives	bacon bits
2 T. onion, minced	

Mix and spread all ingredients, except bacon bits, on crackers or party rye. Sprinkle with bacon bits. Broil until the cheese bubbles.

Peggy Manz  
Hamilton, Ohio

## Christmas Cafe Nog

2 quarts eggnog, chilled	1½ cups whipped cream
2 cups coffee, chilled	1 pint coffee ice cream or shaved chocolate or ground nutmeg or cinnamon
2 cups rum, chilled (optional)	
1 tsp. vanilla extract	

In large bowl, blend eggnog, coffee, rum (if desired), vanilla extract and whipped cream. Float scoops of ice cream on top. Garnish with shaved chocolate or sprinkle with nutmeg or cinnamon.

Yield: about 18 six ounces.

Ann Joines  
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## Cheese Straws

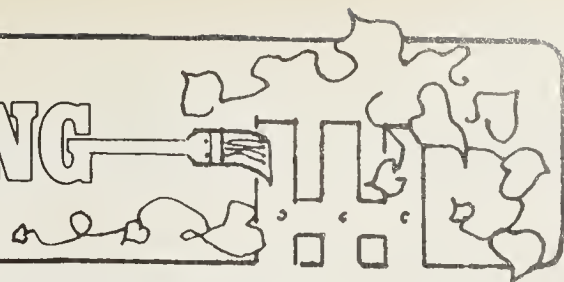
½ pound butter	2 ounces parmesan cheese
2½ cup cake flour	½ tsp. salt
½ pound extra sharp cheese	1 tsp. red pepper

Cream butter and flour. Add rest of ingredients. use hands to mix. Put in cookie press and use star disc. Press out on cookie sheet in long sections. Bake at 325 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes. Cut in short lengths and cool. Store in tight container.

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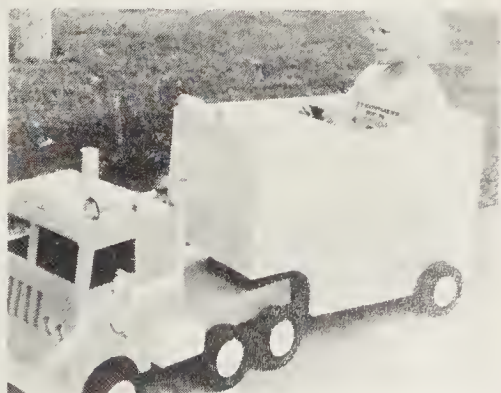
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# State Inheritance Laws Revised

The 1985 General Assembly enacted a sweeping change in the North Carolina inheritance laws, say Drs. Nathan M. Garren and Barrie B. Stokes, attorneys with the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service.

Effective last Aug. 1, North Carolina has an unlimited marital deduction, the attorneys say. This means one spouse may pass to the other an unlimited amount of property free of inheritance or gift tax.

Previously, a spouse in North Carolina was entitled only to a credit of \$3,150. This credit entitled the deceased to pass \$100,000 free of inheritance tax to Class A beneficiaries (spouse, children, parents and others).

"Now," Stokes and Garren say, "the surviving spouse may receive an unlimited amount free of inheritance tax."

Other Class A survivors will receive an inheritance tax credit in the amount specified in the table.

These credits are allowed to Class A beneficiaries (not including spouse) in an order prescribed by statute.

Another change made by the new legislation was to

increase the amount of the lifetime exemption from gift tax that was allowed to certain donees. In the past this amount has been \$30,000.

Now a person may exempt over a lifetime a total of \$100,000 from gift tax. Again, this exemption applies only to gifts made to certain donees such as children or parents. This amount is in addition to the annual gift tax exclusion of \$10,000 to any donee each year.

"Just about everyone should be happy about these changes, but especially the increasing number of retirees from other states who were upset over the previous system of North Carolina inheritance taxation," Garren and Stokes say.

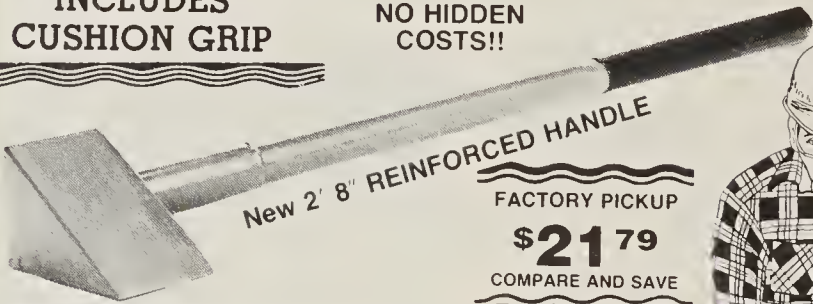
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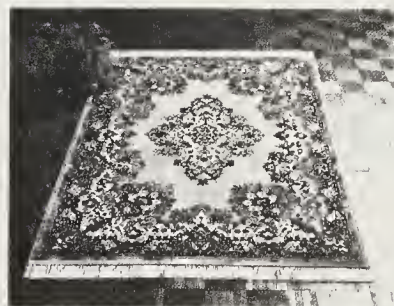
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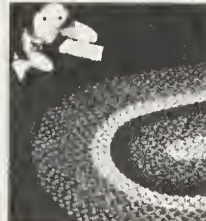
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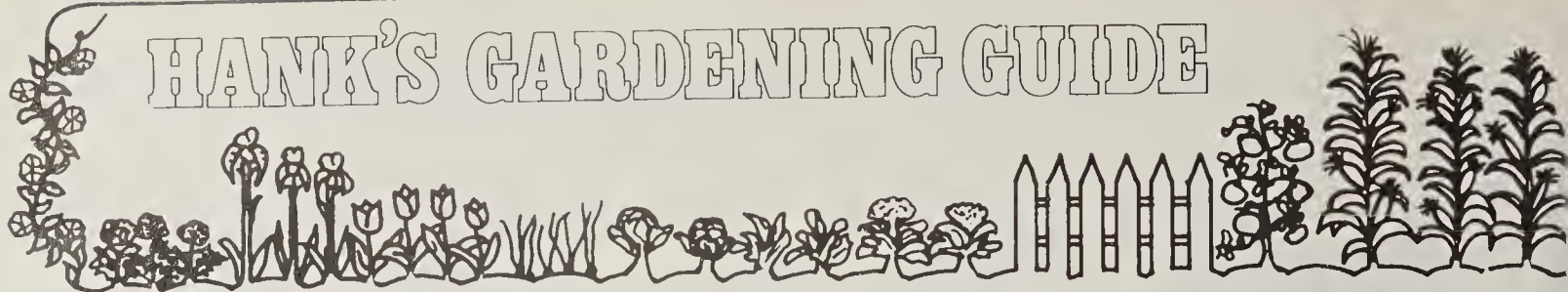
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# HANK'S GARDENING GUIDE



Autumn has given way to winter. Gardening activities outside are slowed by the colder weather, but there are still jobs to be done.

You'll want to collect colorful berries, green foliage and dried seed heads for seasonal decorations. Such family projects add much pleasure to holiday festivities.

## Delay Heavy Pruning

Just as soon as they are obvious, broken or damaged twigs and limbs should be pruned from plants. A light tip-pruning for Christmas greenery may be done now, but heavy pruning is best delayed until February.

Severe pruning at this time, followed by a stretch of warm weather, could stimulate a flush of new growth that may be killed by cold weather.

## Encourage Birds—They're Committing Insecticide For You!

During winter months, most adult insects are well out of sight, deep in the bark of trees and underground. But their eggs are easily found by sharp-eyed birds. During the winter, birds eat many eggs of insects and mites.

Birds add a colorful flash of color and life to the winter landscape; but, on a practical note, they make a fine contribution to the garden by controlling the prolific insect population.

Birds will be attracted to your yard if you have berry-bearing shrubs in the landscape. They enjoy a feast of berries from euonymus, barberry, ligustrum, nandina, pyracantha, sumac and Callicarpa. Birds are attracted to honeysuckles and to dogwood and red cedar trees.

Provide bird feeders, using such foods as seeds, bread crumbs and suet. They will continue to feed on their natural sources of food, insect eggs; and they'll supplement their diet with food from your feeding stations. Be sure to make the feeders squirrel-proof.

## Cutting Poinsettia Blooms

If you are among those who feel that a poinsettia bloom on December 26th is like an Easter lily on the Monday after Easter, you may want to consider using a few or all the colorful flowers as cut-flowers for Christmas. If so, follow these steps to assure the blooms don't wilt after cutting.

- The day before cutting the bloom, remove the lower green leaves from the stem. Remove about half the leaves on the stem.
- After leaves are removed, scratch the stem so the plant will "bleed" its milky juice. Scratch between each scar where you removed a leaf and between remaining leaves.
- The next day, cut the stem on a slant. Singe the stem in a candle flame until the white juice ceases to "bubble and cook."
- Plunge the stem into a container of water, all the way up to the first green leaf.

If you are preparing arrangements with cut evergreens such as holly, cedar and pine, remove *all* the green leaves the day before cutting.

## Ho-Ho-Ho For Hoyas



Every indoor plant collection should include the hoya vine (often called the wax plant or parlor plant). It tops the list for durability and performance. Hoya is a vining or trailing plant with thick oval leaves which are borne on slender stems. Native to China, India and Australia, hoya grows in jungles on tree branches often in the company of orchids.

Wax plant can be grown as a trailing vine, on a trellis or a piece of bark. It is especially handsome in a hanging basket.

An outstanding attribute of hoya is that sun is not essential. It does require diffused light from a window or table lamp.

Hoya requires several years to reach the flowering stage. Once it does, the thick, waxy, scented blossoms appear in clusters on spurs. For repeat flowers, do not cut off these spurs.

Rest hoyas in the winter by keeping them on the dry side. They can survive two or three weeks without watering. From spring until fall, give them moderate moisture and fertilize once a month with liquid fertilizer.

In addition to the common white plants, there are variegated versions: the odd Hindu rope with tightly spaced leaves and Silver Pink with shiny leaves that are touched with silver and pink. A plant sometimes bears a few almost solid pink-colored leaves.

The ideal soil for hoyas is rich in humus. An excellent potting mixture is one part good garden soil, one part coarse sand, two parts leaf mold, with a small amount of processed cow manure and a sprinkling of bonemeal added to each container. Mix well.

## Plant A Pine

Pine trees are of special interest in winter and can be planted now. They are difficult to transplant as large trees. Young pines purchased as container-grown plants grow rapidly, given adequate water and fertilizer. Choose from the many different kinds of pines—loblolly, shortleaf, white slash, longleaf—depending on which grow best in your locality.

## Observe The Happy Ones

Before investing in trees and shrubs, it is advisable (and enjoyable) to look over those that are growing with vigor in your area. A drive or stroll through your neighborhood can reveal plant species that are well-adapted



It's usually a "sure thing" that several "unacclimatized" plants have been "brought from back home," perhaps—to try them in the new surroundings. Often these are plant species that are hardy in other sections of the country but not truly happy in your area. Taking a look at neighborhood yards is especially helpful to those folks "transplanted" to the Carolinas from other states.

### Plant The Kitchen Sink

A window sill or shelf over the kitchen sink is an ideal place to grow a few choice houseplants. This location is convenient for maintenance and usually has high humidity and adequate light.

### Weed Out Weedy Trees And Shrubs

Weed trees and shrubs often are a serious menace to shrub plantings. Among them are seedlings of elm, cherry, plum and privet. Sometimes these go unnoticed until they have crowded valuable shrubs. This is often a problem in shrubbery borders and edges.

Such undesirable plants should be pulled or dug from all plantings.

### Too Tidy

Sometimes, a flower garden that is overly clean can be a worse condition for the plants than one that has a bit of clutter.

Fallen leaves, anchored by the dead stalks of hardy plants, will offer protection for the young sprouts of such plants. If free of insects and diseases, usually is best to let these alone through the winter.

An exception is rose bushes. Fallen rose leaves can harbor and carry-over the black spot disease which will re-infest plants when they leaf out in the spring. All fallen rose leaves should be picked up or raked away and burned.

Dead stalks of perennials can be left, provided they are free of insects and diseases. Generally the living parts below will benefit if old stalks are left over the crown as a winter mulch.

Grassy areas of the yard should be mowed and kept free of leaves or other seed-forming covers. Hardy grasses need light, even in winter.

—Hank Smith

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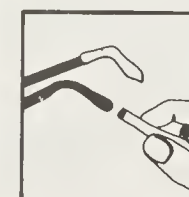
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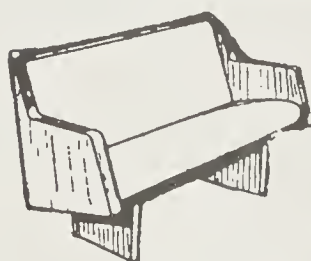
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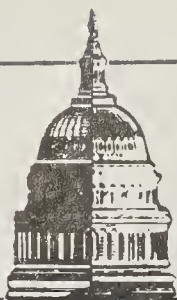
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## WASHINGTON SCENE

# Costly Campaigns To Be Financed Largely Through Tax-Exempt Foundations

Politics has got so expensive that it takes lots of money even to get beat with.

—Will Rogers

Will Rogers wrote those words back around 1930, probably never dreaming that they would hold just as true more than half a century later.

After last year's costly Jesse Helms—Jim Hunt race for the U.S. Senate, North Carolina voters can especially appreciate how valid the humorist's comment is in 1985.

But, with would-be presidential candidates already busy traveling around the country lining up support and raising money, chances are the American electorate "ain't seen nothing yet," to borrow a phrase from President Reagan.

The newest wrinkle in all this political fund-raising is the use of tax-exempt foundations to finance early campaigning.

Both Vice President George Bush and Rep. Jack Kemp (R-NY) have done so.

Bush's foundation, the Fund for America's Future, has raised more than \$2 million and Kemp's Fund for the American Renaissance has taken in some \$400,000. Other candidates in both parties are expected to follow suit with foundations of their own.

The beauty of foundations for the candidates is that they are legally considered to be charitable groups, which makes donations to them tax deductible and there is no requirement that the names of donors be

reported. Yet the money can be used for campaigning right now.

Sen. Edward Kennedy has his own foundation, the Social Awareness Fund, which financed trips he took to Ethiopia and South Africa. So does television evangelist Pat Robertson, who has indicated he may run for President. He organized the Freedom Council more than a year ago.

And if anyone doubts that the presidential politicking hasn't started, consider that Kemp has taken six trips to Michigan, four to New Hampshire and five to Iowa—the states that have the earliest presidential primaries.

Nobody can recall it ever starting this early and this expensively.

One foundation director has said they would probably use the foundation to send out mass mailings to raise funds. The benefit to the campaign is that a charitable foundation can send a letter for six cents, which would save hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The congressional races are next year and with only a few months until the primaries, it would be expected that the jockeying for position would be greater here.

In North Carolina, the fund raising, at least, has already started and it is expected to be just as expensive to run as it was in 1984.

Vice President Bush visited the state in November to help raise campaign funds for Republicans Alex McMillan of Charlotte and Howard Coble of Greensboro, both first-term members of the House. Rep. Kemp has been in the Eleventh District to help Rep. Bill Hendon.

Both Coble and McMillan had raised more than \$100,000 each when the Vice President left. Hendon's campaign also got a nice financial boost during Kemp's visit.

All three of the congressmen are expected to have hard fights to retain their seats and political observers are watching two of them closely.

In Greensboro, Democrat Richards Preyer, a veteran member of the House, was unseated in 1980 during the first Reagan landslide. In 1982, when Reagan wasn't running, Preyer's successor, Gene Johnson, was defeated by Democrat Robin Britt. But

## Messenger Service Strategy Raises \$225,000 For Senator

One United States senator, James Abdnor (R-SD), came up with a rather direct approach to raising cash for his 1986 campaign.

His campaign committee, Friends of Jim Abdnor, sent messengers carrying letters signed by Sen. Strom Thurmond, the veteran South Carolina Republican, to the various offices of Washington lobbyists. The messengers who were told to wait until the lobbyist had read the letter, which pointed out that "President Reagan is attending a fund raiser for Jim."

"I am sure," the letter went on, "that the president will be disappointed to hear that your PAC has not signed on to attend the president's tribute to Jim. Please fill out the attached card and send it back by the messenger."

The card gave three options:

Give the maximum \$5,000; buy one or more tickets at \$1,500 each or say, "Our PAC does not wish to support the salute to Jim Abdnor featuring President Reagan."

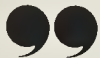
The party raised over \$225,000 for the South Dakota senator.



last year, with Reagan again on the ticket, Britt was defeated by Coble.

Now Coble must defend his seat without Reagan in what may be a re-match with Britt.

This sort of political "musical chairs" is also being played in the 11th District. The Republicans gained it in 1980 when Hendon won, lost it in 1982 to Democrat James Clarke and won it back with Hendon in 1984. Now Clarke is expected to challenge Hendon next year.



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Fourth District Rep. William Cobey is another first-term Republican House member who was helped by having Reagan on the ticket last year and is expected to have a close fight in '86. He unseated veteran Democrat Ike Andrews last year.

David Price, a former Duke University professor who has served as director of the state Democratic Party and State Sen. Wilma Woodard of Wake County are running for the seat. Another race that will be watched in the Fifth District where Democratic incumbent Steve Neal will be opposed by newcomer Lyons Gray, son of a former head of the R. J. Reynolds Co.

Republicans had their most successful year in North Carolina history in 1984, when they turned a one-to-two Democratic majority to a close six-to-five margin. They will try to at least maintain that in '86, but they will have to do it without Ronald Reagan on the ballot. All of this is going to cost a lot of money—far more than even Will Rogers could have imagined.

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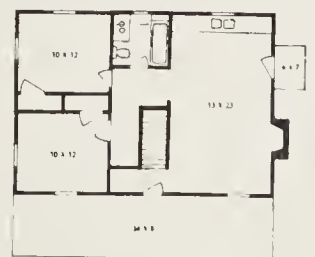


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### Yuletide Feature: A Few Postscripts

Our preparation of the special holiday feature on pages 8 and 9 left us with a few postscripts that we'd like to pass along:

- One of the pieces we've included is a touching tribute to the writer's mother-in-law. Titled "Legacy of Love," it was written by Carol Bessent Hayman of Beaufort, whose inspirational work has often appeared in books and various publications, including *Carolina Country*.

In this piece, she was writing about Mrs. Beth Widenhouse Hayman, who followed her husband, the Rev. Louis D. Hayman, as he served as a minister at Methodist churches in Wilmington, Whiteville, Sanford, Beaufort, Southport and other Eastern North Carolina communities. After retiring, he helped to organize the Ocean View United Methodist Church at Yaupon Beach. He died in 1973. His wife died in 1980.

"Legacy of Love" first appeared in a softcover book by Carol Bessent Hayman titled *What Is Christmas?*, which was published in 1974. Limited quantities are available from the author for \$3 each. The piece is also included in a hardback collection of the writer's work titled *These Lovely Days*, which is available for \$5.95 each. The prices include postage and handling.

Write to her at 618 Ann Street, Beaufort, N.C. 28516.

Carol Bessent Hayman and her husband formerly made their home at Cape Carteret, where they were consumer-members of Carteret-Craven Electric Membership Corporation, Morehead City.

- We also came across a couple of marvelous quotes that didn't seem quite appropriate for the special section.

One of them, an anonymous poem that has no reference to Christmas, is still worth reprinting right now because the Yuletide season means so much to the child in all of us:

"Know what it is to be a child?"  
It is to believe in love, to believe  
in loveliness, to believe in belief;  
It is to be so little that the elves  
can reach to whisper in your ear;  
It is to turn pumpkins into coaches,  
and mice into horses, lowness into  
loftiness, and nothing into everything.



The other item is a Christmas toast—with a pointed message—from Mark Twain:

"It is my heart-warming and world-embracing Christmas hope and aspiration that all of us, the high, the low, the rich, the poor, the admired, the despised, the loved, the hated, the civilized, the savage, every man and brother of us all throughout the whole earth, may eventually be gathered together in a heaven of everlasting rest and peace and bliss—except the inventor of the telephone."

### For What It's Worth

Here's an item from the for-what-it's-worth department:

A recent national survey by Simmons Marketing Research Bureau shows that many Americans admit that they do much of their reading in the privacy of the privy. And what are they reading most?

*True Story* and *Seventeen* are the most popular magazines.

Others completing the top ten are *Time*, *Sport*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Money*, *Mother Earth News*, *Sports Afield*, *Prevention* and *Cosmopolitan*.

*People* and *Us* ranked 11th and 12th, while *Self* ranked 13th.

The highly popular *Reader's Digest* could manage only a rating of 14th.

### It Says Here .....

- *Business: North Carolina* recently reported that a missing hyphen in a brochure might have left a North Carolina communications firm a bit embarrassed. It touted the company's "30 odd years" of experience.

- The National Association of Teachers of Speech has issued a list of words under a heading of Ten Ugliest Words in the English Language. Here they are: gripe, plump, plutocrat, crunch, phlegmatic, flatulent, cacophony, treachery, sap and jazz.

- The preamble to the U. S. Constitution explains in 52 words the purpose and functions of our government. Last year, it took a government agency 11,400 words to explain one regulation on growing olives in California.

—Owen Bisho



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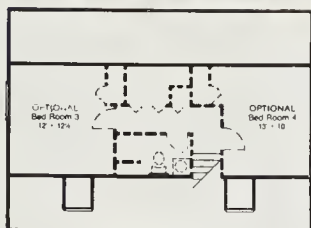
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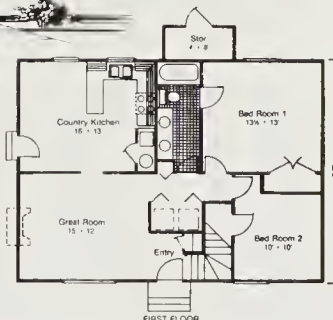


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